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Dear Josh and Esther:

John Spizizen is our new head! He will not be able to take residence until January, but at least the selection is made. I am pleased with the choice and am confident that microbial genetics will now be greatly strengthened at Minnesota.

My laboratory is in new quarters; two levels underground; air conditioned. I am delighted with the new facilities. I have no complaints now.

I still hope that one or both of you can be convinced to visit us in the near future. If a concrete invitation will accelerate planning a tour of the Great North West, I shall be happy to make one. Summer is unpleasant here but autumn is magnificent.

Lois and family are fine. Don  $(9\frac{1}{2})$  and Evelyn  $(9\frac{1}{2})$  are taking saxophone and clariney lessons respectively. John David (8) is independently pursuing the trombone. Phillip  $(6\frac{1}{2})$  is quiet on this score.

Herman Lichstein leaves in August to accept headship of Microbiology and U. Cincinnati Med. Dennis Watson has been away this year, in Westphal's lab in Freiburg, Germany. He returns in August. I am looking forward to a burst of activity from Dennis when he returns — exuberant, refreshed and eager to go to work.

Saw Maury Sussman at Am. Soc. Microbiology meeting. He was firming up plans for a trip to Europe this coming year.

It's a good time to be alive! I trust that all goes well with you two. I extend my best wishes and warmest regards.

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